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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE CONSPIRACY TO SMUGGLE HASHISH -- CYPRUS

1. CYPRUS POLICE (CYPOL) AUTHORITIES INFORMED RSO THAT ON JULY 26 1978, THREE RESIDENTS OF BRISTOL, UNITED KINGDOM -- PANAYIOTIS IOSIF, RESTAURANT PROPRIETOR (BORN IN 1934 AT KAIMAKLI, CYPRUS), ANDREAS IOANNOU, WAITER (BORN IN 1953 AT XYLOPHAGOU, CYPRUS), AND KYRIAKOS PARASKEVA, MECHANIC (BORN IN 1940 AT AVGOROU, CYPRUS) -- AND CHARALAMBOUS MAVRIDES, FARMER (BORN IN 1945 AT KYLAPHAGOU, CYPRUS) WERE ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF CONSPIRING TO SMUGGLE NARCOTICS. CYPOL WAS INFORMED THAT THE THREE BRITISH RESIDENTS WERE VISITING ISLAND WITH THE INTENT OF SMUGGLING HASHISH FROM CYPRUS TO THE U.K. POLICE LEARNED THAT THE LOCAL CONTACT OF THE THREE VISITORS, MAVRIDES, HAS ASSURED THEM THAT HE COULD OBTAIN THIRTY POUNDS OF HASHISH FROM A TURKISH-CYPRIOT SOURCE, ALI LORT OF PERGAMOS, CYPRUS, THROUGH BRITISH SOVEREIGN BASE AREA OF DHEKELIA. (LORT IS KNOWN BY CYPOL TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING IN CYPRUS PRIOR TO 1974 TURKISH INVASION). CYPOL WAS

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INFORMED THAT THE HASHISH DELIVERY WAS ARRANGED TO TAKE PLACE ON JULY 26. HOWEVER, LORT NEVER SHOWED UP, MAVRIDES, IOSIF, IOANNOU, AND PARASKEVA WERE SUBSEQUENTLY ARRESTED AS THEY DEPARTED DHEKELIA BASE AREA.

2. ALL FOUR PERSONS WERE RELEASED FROM POLICE CUSTODY

ON AUGUST 16 FOR INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE FOR CONSPIRACY
CONVICTION.

3. AS A RESULT OF EMBASSY APPROACH TO THEM ON SUBJECT,
POLICE OF TURKISH FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS ARE
CURRENTLY CONDUCTING CRIMINAL/INTELLIGENCE TRACES IN THE
NAME OF ALI LORT. WE WILL REPORT ANY RESULTS.
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